

HCS HB 349 -- Commercial Motor Vehicle License Plates

SPONSOR: Brown

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, a property-carrying commercial motor vehicle registered at a gross weight of more than 12,000 pounds is only issued one license plate. This substitute allows an owner of one of these vehicles to request and be issued two plates. The Director of the Department of Revenue must place distinguishing marks on the plates indicating one is for the front and one is for the rear. The director may assess and collect an additional charge not to exceed the fee charged for personalized plates for the second plate.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill makes it easier to travel in other states where law enforcement may not know that a single front plate is acceptable in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Brown.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Others: Others testifying on the bill say that it does not create any difficulties for their respective departments.

Testifying on the bill were Department of Revenue; Missouri Trucking Association; and State Highway Patrol.